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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)	
)	Examiner: J.D. Prone
Dennis J. Peterlin et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3724
for METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING)	
A RAZOR BLADE)	
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Serial No: 10/786,267)	
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Filed On: February 25, 2004)	(Our File No. 6579-0096-1)

Middletown, Connecticut, June 2, 2006

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2006, having a period for response set to expire on June 9, 2006.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required the election of a single group of claims for prosecution in this application. The Examiner alleges that the inventions of Group I (claims 1-15) and Group II (claims 16-19) are distinct, each from the other, because the inventions of Group I and Group II are related as a process of making and a product made and that the inventions of Group I and Group II are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product; or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. In the instant case, the Examiner alleges that the razor blade as claimed

(claims 16-19) could be manufactured by a method having a step that includes forming a skin guide.

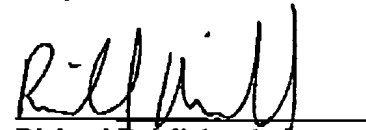
Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-15) for prosecution.

Applicants believe that the foregoing election fully complies with the Office Action and that all claims of the application are allowable. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with the submission of this Response. If, however, it is deemed that any fees are in fact due, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 503342 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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